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In the application of:

Culman, et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: A HARD DISK DRIVE WITH SELF-
CONTAINED ACTIVE ACOUSTIC
NOISE REDUCTION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ Within three months of the application filing date or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
- ☐ After receipt of a first Office Action on the merits but before a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance.
 - ☐ A fee is required. A check for payment of the fees is attached.
 - ☐ A Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided below; accordingly, no fee is believed to be due.
- ☐ After receipt of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, a Petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, an authorization to charge our deposit account, and a Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) are provided herein.

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- ☐ Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
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The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this statement to Deposit Account Number 501288 referencing docket no. SJ09-2000-0178.

Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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	1.	03/12/96	5,499,301	Sudo, et al.			
	2.	07/07/92	5,129,003	Saruta			
	3.	09/10/91	5,046,874	St. Clair			
	4.	11/30/99	5,995,632	Okada			
	5.	03/23/99	5,886,489	Rowan, et al.			
	6.	10/27/99	5,828,768	Eatwell, et al.			

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	1.	TDB 01-89 p. 256-258

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